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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

CARDINAL SLIPYJ, UKRAINIAN CARDINAL AT VATICAN, HAS REQUESTED
THROUGH EMBASSY OFFICER THAT FOLLOWING LETTER BE TRANSMITTED
TO PRESIDENT CARTER. ORIGINAL TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS BY AIR
POUCH. BEGIN QUOTE:

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 7,
1977

REF. NO. 3187/77

TO MR. JIMMY CARTER

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IN THE NAME OF THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE AND AS THE HEAD OF
ITS CHURCH, I WISH TO EXTEND MY GRATEFUL AND HEARTFUL THANKS
FOR YOUR DEFENSE OF THE DIGNITY AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN. AS A
FORMER PRISONER OF MANY YEARS IN THE SOVIET LABOR CAMPS, I CAN
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CONFIRM, IN ALL MODESTY, THE GREAT IMPACT SUCH DECLARA-
TIONS HAVE, AS WELL AS, THE SUPERNATURAL MORAL STRENGTH
THAT THEY GIVE TO THE OPPRESSED. THE WORDS OF THE GREAT
AMERICAN EMANCIPATOR, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, "THAT ALL MEN ARE
CREATED EQUAL" ARE THE BASIS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM. TODAY,
THESE WORDS ARE AN URGENT NECESSITY EVERYWHERE, WHERE THE
WORD OF GOD IS ANNOUNCED.

THUS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMING CONFERENCE IN
BELGRADE, RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS AND THE DIGNITY OF MAN,
WE APPEAL TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO INSIST UPON AND TO
DEFEND THESE RIGHTS COURAGEOUSLY BEFORE THE POWERS OF
DARKNESS, IN ORDER THAT, THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD MAY NO
LONGER LIVE UNDER CONSTRAINT, UNJUSTICE AND MISERY, BUT
THAT THE WORD AND THE WILL OF GOD MAY TRIUMPH IN A FREE
WORLD. IN PARTICULAR, I ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER THE UKRAINIAN
PEOPLE AND THEIR CHURCH. THEY HAD BEEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY,
THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND THE DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANITY IN
EASTERN EUROPE. TODAY, THESE SAME PEOPLE ARE WEAKENED FROM
THEIR LONG STRUGGLE, THEY HAVE LOST ALL THEIR RIGHTS AND
THERE ARE FEW WHO COME TO THEIR ASSISTANCE.

WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, WILL TAKE
MY PETITION INTO CONSIDERATION AND PRESENT IT AT THE APPROP-
RIATE FORUM, I REMAIN

RESPECTFULLY YOURS IN CHRIST,

JOSEPH, CARDINAL, SLIPYJ, PARRIARCH

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